REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-45 are pending in this application after entry of the amendments above. Applicants have amended the specification and claims 18-21 to correct the spelling of the amino acid arginine. Applicants have also added new claims 27-45, support for which can be found throughout the specification. In particular, applicants note that they have support for the provisos on new claims 27 and 37 that the amino acid is not histidine under the law as stated in MPEP 2173.05(i), since applicants recite histidine as a basic amino acid at page 5, lines 29-32, of the specification and are thus permitted to exclude histidine explicitly from the claims. Accordingly, the above amendments raise no issues of new matter.

Applicants have copied claims 27-32, 34-39 and 41-45 from U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0148927 A1, published August 7, 2003, a copy of which is submitted concurrently herewith; claims 33 and 40 have been substantially copied but for the exclusion of glycine as a recited amino acid. Applicants' claims 27-45 correspond to the claims of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0148927 A1 as shown in the following chart:

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Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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